UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA CHARLOTTE DIVISION DOCKET NO. 3:23-cv-123

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
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V.)	ORDER
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APPROXIMATELY \$7,960.00 IN UNITED)	
STATES CURRENCY SEIZED FROM)	
LAQUAN SAVOY ON OCTOBER 11, 2022, AT)	
THE CHARLOTTE-DOUGLAS)	
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT)	

THIS MATTER having come before the Court upon the government's Motion for Entry of Default Judgment. (Doc. No. 10). Review of the pleadings reveals the Clerk of Court has previously entered Default, that Notice of the proceeding has been provided in accordance with law, that all claims against Defendant have been adjudicated by the Court, that the requested Default Judgment is for a sum certain, and that the United States of America is now entitled to all right, title, and interest in the Defendant funds, the Court enters the following Default Judgment.

BACKGROUND

On February 27, 2023, the United States filed a Complaint (Doc. No. 1) against the defendant, approximately \$7,960.00 in funds seized from Laquan Savoy at the Charlotte-Douglass International Airport. The Complaint alleged that the Funds constituted money furnished or intended to be furnished by any person in exchange for a controlled substance or listed chemical in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841 and/or 846, was proceeds traceable to such an exchange, and was money used or intended to be used to facilitate a violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841 and/or 846.

From March 1, 2023, through March 30, 2023, pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure,

Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions, Rule G(4)(a), the

Government provided Notice by Publication (Doc. No. 5) of this action. Further, the Government

mailed direct notice (Doc. No. 4) of the Complaint to Laquan Savoy and Jacek Lentz, attorney for

Mr. Savoy.

The Government settled, in exchange for Mr. Savoy's release of all other claims in this case,

to return \$1,592.00 to Mr. Savoy via Consent Order for Third-Party Claim. (Doc. No. 7). As a

result of the settlement, approximately \$6,368.00 remains for forfeiture. Notice of the forfeiture of

the Currency has been properly published and directly provided, there are no claims remaining as to

the Currency, and the time for filing claims has expired.

ORDER

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED that the

government's Motion for Entry of Default Judgment (Doc. No. 10) is **GRANTED** and **DEFAULT**

JUDGMENT is **ENTERED** in favor of the United States of America and against the defendant

APPROXIMATELY \$6,368.00 IN UNITED STATES CURRENCY, providing that all right,

title, and interest of all persons in the world in or to the APPROXIMATELY \$6,368.00 IN

UNITED STATES CURRENCY seized from Laquan Savoy is hereby forfeited to the United

States of America, and no other right, title, or interest shall exist therein.

SO ORDERED.

Signed: May 30, 2023

Robert J. Conrad, Jr.

United States District Judge